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## Wisconsin Merit Scholarship Program Passes Assembly

**Madison** – Rep. Chanz Green (R-Grand View) is happy to announce that Assembly Bill 67, which extends the Wisconsin Merit Scholarship Program, passed the State Assembly on a unanimous 96-0 vote. He and Rep. Tyler August (R-Lake Geneva) co-authored the bill to remove the upcoming sunset date, April 1, 2023, from the original bill that passed in 2018.

"I am excited that the Assembly was able to pass this bill," Green said. "The goal is to keep the best and brightest here in Wisconsin, and I am confident that this program will continue to grow in the future and will benefit the UW-System."

Since the creation of the program, nearly 300 freshman have benefitted from \$1.5 million in scholarships.

The merit scholarship does not require existing or new state General Purpose Revenue dollars. The scholarships are funded by interest earnings from the Normal School Fund, which is administered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

The bill is the first bill of the session authored by Rep. Green to pass the State Assembly. The bill will now go to the State Senate for its consideration, where companion legislation is authored by Senator Steve Nass (R-Whitewater).

Rep. Green also voted in favor of Assembly Bill 28, Assembly Bill 53, and Assembly Bill 69.

Constituents can contact our office by emailing <u>Rep.Green@legis.wisconsin.gov</u> or by calling (608) 237-9174. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

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